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TEA PACKAGE FOR SMALL TEA GROWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved any special package for small tea growers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Directorate of some small tea growers has been formed under the aegis of the Tea Board;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds provided as incentives for production of orthodox tea so far, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to open new Tea Auction Centres/branches of Tea/Coffee Board in various parts of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): Developmental needs of the small tea growers are being met from the ongoing 10th Plan Schemes of the Tea Board which includes assistance by way of subsidy for new planting, replanting and rejuvenation of old and uneconomic tea areas and creation of irrigation facilities. Special assistance is also given to the small growers towards organizing themselves into self-help groups.

(c) & (d): The developmental needs of the small tea growers are being looked after by the Development Directorate in the Tea Board. State-wise details of orthodox tea subsidy disbursed upto 31st July, 2006 are given below :

States	Funds disbursed (Rs. in crores)
Assam	7.05
West Bengal (excluding Darjeeling)	1.80
Darjeeling	2.95
Tamil Nadu	6.52
Kerala	2.68
Others (Himachal Pradesh, Triputa etc.)	0.26
Total	21.26

(e) : No Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.